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W. Alexis Johnson Ford

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Under Secretary of State
for Political Affairs

SUBJECT : Concurrence in Proposal for Action
under NSAM 192

REFERENCE : Memorandum dated 18 Mar 63 from the
Deputy Under Secretary of State, Subj:
Further Action Under NSAM 192

I agree with the contingency plan referred to in the
referenced memorandum and concur in the proposal to transmit
it to the President.

With respect to the associated study relating to satellite
inspection and a system for neutralizing satellites in orbit, I feel
compelled to emphasize that a practical operating system which
would accomplish either of these two objectives is beyond our
present capability. An intensive development program would be
necessary to obtain a non-nuclear kill system for satellites in a
simple orbit and the feasibility of developing such a system for
more complicated satellites is not yet clearly established.
Even more difficult would be the development of a practical
system for inspecting a satellite and determining whether it
contained a nuclear weapon.

/S/ John A. McCone

JOHN A. McCONE
Director

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associated study relating to satellite inspection to the President.

John A. McCone
Director

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